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SUBJ: UNIFIL DEVELOPMENTS AS OF MARCH 30

1. UN SOURCE BRIEFED US ON UNIFIL DEVELOPMENTS AS OF
COB MARCH 30. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

2. WESTERN SECTOR: FRENCH FORCES ARE MANNING 6 CHECK POINTS
AROUND TYRE--ON ABASSIAH ROAD, MAARAKAH ROAD, BOURQ EL-CHE-
MALI ROAD, AND QANA ROAD (WE CANNOT IDENTIFY OTHER TWO LOCATIONS).
FRENCH ARE STILL WARNED BY PLO TO STAY AWAY FROM KASMIYA
BRIDGE AND ARE ABOUT 400 METERS DISTANT. FRENCH REPORT THAT
IDF IS VERY CLOSE TO BRIDGE AREA WITH FORCES ON HIGH GROUND
NEAR BURJ RAHHAL AND EXCHANGES OF FIRE BETWEEN PALESTINIANS
AND IDF TOOK PLACE EVENINGS MARCH 27 AND 28 NEAR THERE.

3. CENTRAL SECTOR: IRANIANS ARE MANNING AKIYA BRIDGE AND
CHECKING VEHICLES VISUALLY. IF WEAPONS ARE HIDDEN, IRANIANS
ASSUME THAT IDF WILL CATCH THEM A FEW KILOMETERS DOWN THE
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ROAD. THIS ACTS AS EFFECTIVE DETERRENT FOR TIME BEING.
IRANIANS REPORT THAT THERE IS SOME RETURNING REFUGEE TRAFFIC
NOW CROSSING BRIDGE.

4. EASTERN SECTOR: SWEDES REPORT LITTLE ACTIVITY ON KHARDALA
BRIDGE. NO DIFFICULTIES REPORTED WITH MAJOR HADDAD RECENTLY.
IDF HAS OFFERED TO BUILD NEW ROAD FOR UNIFIL WHICH WOULD BY-

PASS HADDAD'S AREA. UNIFIL IS CONSIDERING MOVING INTO POSITIONS
NEARER TO HASBAYYA AS REQUESTED BY IDF (JERUSALEM 909). WE
UNDERSTAND THAT GOL ALSO DESIRES MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION.
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